

UNIT 24: FORRESTER ISLAND

MANAGEMENT INTENT

Lands in this unit are designated part of the Gulf of Alaska Unit of the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge under the Alaska National Interest Land Conservation Act. The purposes of the Refuge are:

- to conserve fish and wildlife populations in their natural diversity
- to fulfill international treaty obligations of the United States
- to provide for continued subsistence use by local residents
- to ensure water quality and necessary water quantity
- to provide a program of national and international scientific research on marine resources.

Forrester Island supports an estimated population of 1,000 sea lions and has extensive sea bird colonies. State land management will be consistent with the purposes of the wildlife refuge.

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY USES

Refer to the land use designation maps for this unit for primary and secondary uses and fish and wildlife ratings.

PROHIBITED USES

- Mineral location in mapped crucial fish and wildlife habitat and harvest areas.
- Filling state tide and submerged lands for residential purposes.
- Floathomes.

MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

Refer to Chapter 2 for guidelines common to this and all management units. The following guideline applies to this specific unit.

- **Developed Recreation Facilities in Crucial Habitat and Harvest Areas.** Based on available information, developed recreation facilities are initially determined incompatible within mapped crucial fish and wildlife areas. A specific proposal for a developed recreation facility may be considered for compatibility based on its design or on new habitat information.

Fish and Wildlife Information

Forrester Island is a seabird and sea lion rookery. Maintaining a one-mile buffer is crucial to avoid disturbing the sea lions that use the rocky areas as a haulout throughout the year. Concentrated seabird use is more seasonal; an area one-mile in radius around seabird colonies can be considered crucial on a seasonal basis.